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Oregon 2001 Annual Crop Summary

Production of most of Oregon's crops were down in 2001, according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Production of fall potatoes totaled 20.7 million cwt., 32 percent below the record crop of 2000 and the lowest production since 1983. Yield was at 466 cwt. per acre, which was 77 cwt. below the record set in 2000 and harvested acres at 44,500 were at the lowest level since 1973. Other hay was at the lowest production level since 1992. Harvested acres were at 565,000 acres with an average yield of 1.9 tons per acre. Total production of 1.1 million tons, was 22 percent below 2000. Alfalfa hay averaged 4.3 tons per acre, down 0.1 tons from 2000. Production totaled 1.98 million tons, up 21 percent from 2000. New seedings of alfalfa remained unchanged from the previous year at 40,000 acres.

The average yield for corn for grain, at 140 bushels per acre, was down 40 bushels from the previous year. This is the lowest yield since 1981. Production at 2.5 million bushels was down 48 percent from last year. Corn for silage production was down 12 percent from 2000 to 546,000 tons.

Dry edible beans were estimated at 172,000 cwt., down 18 percent from the record high in 2000. Area harvested decreased to 9,500 acres. Harvested acres for dry edible peas were at 4,800, 20 percent above the previous year. Production was down 52 percent to 48,000 cwt. Growers harvested 600 acres of Austrian winter peas, 50 percent above the previous year. Production was also up 50 percent to 9,000 cwt.

Sugarbeet production totaled 269,000 tons, down 35 percent from last year. Peppermint production totaled 2.18 million pounds, down 14 percent from the previous year. The 2001 spearmint crop produced 132,000 pounds. Hop production totaled 11.4 million pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year.

Winter wheat production in 2001 totaled 28.0 million bushels, 38 percent below 2000, due to a decrease in acres and lower yields. Spring wheat production, at 5.25 million bushels, was down 37 percent from last year. Barley production totaled 4.5 million bushels, down 46 percent from the previous year. Production of oats, at 1.93 million bushels, was down 21 percent from 2000.

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